Electronic Appendix Instructions

For briefing orders issued after July 2, 2012, <u>Local Rule 25(a)(1)(D)</u> requires appendices in formally briefed cases to be filed in electronic and paper form. In agency cases, <u>Local Rule 25(a)(1)(C)</u> permits counsel to adopt an electronic administrative record as the electronic appendix. See the <u>Local Rules</u> and the <u>Fourth Circuit Brief & Appendix Requirements</u> for detailed information on the format and content requirements for electronic appendices.

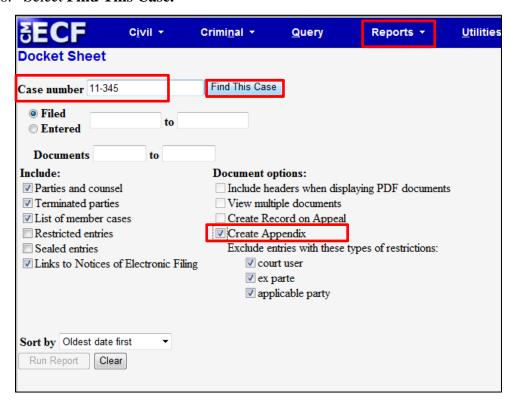
This document will cover:

- Creating an electronic appendix from the district court docket;
- Filing an electronic appendix in appellate CM/ECF; and
- Adopting an administrative record as appendix in an agency case.

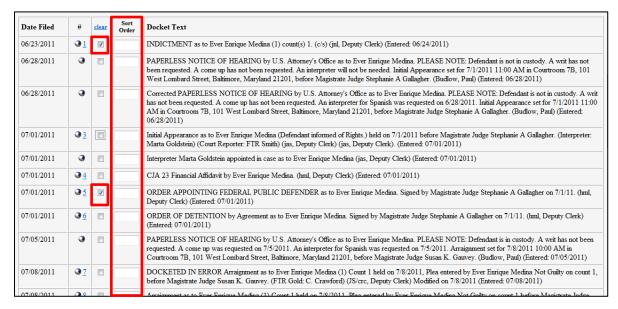
Creating an electronic appendix from the district court docket

For cases arising from a district court action, the electronic appendix can be created directly from the docket. You must log in to district court CM/ECF to utilize the "Create Appendix" functionality. PACER users do not have access to "Create Appendix."

- 1. Log in the district court CM/ECF application.
- 2. Select Reports.
- 3. Select Docket Sheet.
- 4. Enter the district court case number.
- 5. Under Document Options, select Create Appendix.
- 6. Select Find This Case.



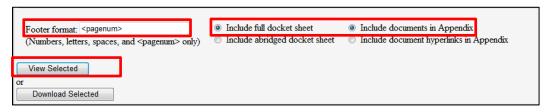
- 7. If more than one case is returned, select the correct case then select **Run Report**.
- 8. The docket sheet will open.
- 9. Select documents for the appendix by checking the box next to the docket number.
- 10. After selecting all appendix documents, if you need to rearrange the order of the documents, you can enter numbers in the *Sort Order* column.



11. If the appendix will contain transcripts, note the **Release of Transcript Restriction** date. You will need this information during filing.



- 12. After selecting all documents, scroll to the end of the docket sheet.
- 13. Before viewing or downloading the documents, make sure that the footer format is set to **<pagenum>** sot he program will automatically paginate the combined document. The appendix pages must be numbered, if you do not use the automatic numbering feature, the pages will have to be numbered manually or using other document preparation software.
- 14. Make sure **Include full docket sheet** and **Include documents in Appendix** are selected.
- 15. Select **View Selected** to preview the complied documents.



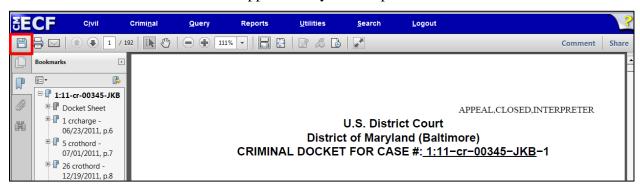
16. If any documents selected are restricted or sealed, a Warning! message will appear. Click back to remove these documents from the appendix. Restricted and Sealed documents must be filed in a separate sealed volume.



17. A Processing message will appear as the document is complied.



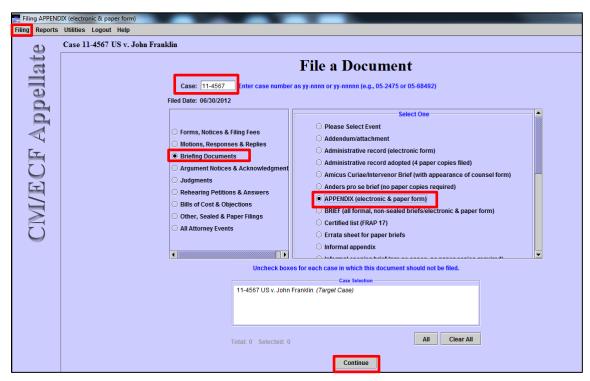
- 18. The complied appendix will load.
- 19. Review the file to ensure all documents are included.
- 20. Select the save icon to save the appendix to your computer.



- 21. Name the file appropriately and save it to a location that you will be able to locate easily.
- 22. The electronic appendix must include a cover page and table of contents. The cover page and table of contents may be uploaded as separate files or combined with the body of the appendix.

• Filing an electronic appendix in appellate CM/ECF

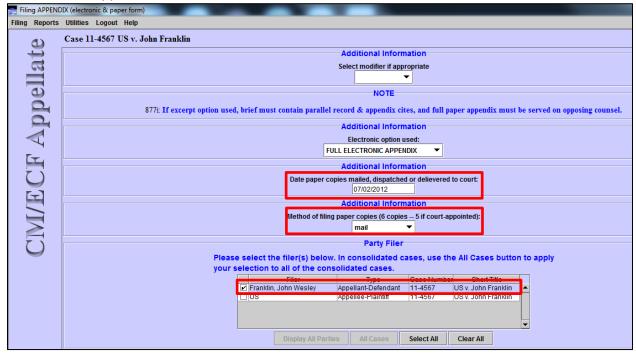
- 1. Login to Appellate CM/ECF.
- 2. Select Filing.
- 3. Select File a Document.
- 4. Enter the case number.
- 5. Select **Briefing Documents** from the left column.
- 6. Select **APPENDIX** (electronic & paper form) from the right column.
- 7. Select **Continue**.



- 8. The event filing screen will open.
- 9. If you are filing an amended or supplemental appendix, select the appropriate modifier from the drop down.
- 10. Select **FULL ELECTRONIC APPENDIX** from the drop down if you are filing a complete electronic appendix; or select **ELECTRONIC APPENDIX EXCERPT** if you are filing an excerpt. See <u>Local Rule 25(a)(1)(D)</u> for electronic appendix excerpt requirements.



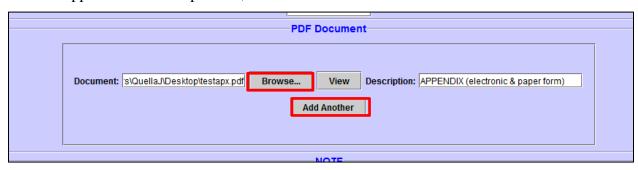
- 11. Enter the Date paper copies mailed, dispatched or delivered to court.
- 12. Select the Method of filing paper copies (6 copies 5 if court-appointed.
- 13. Select the filer(s).



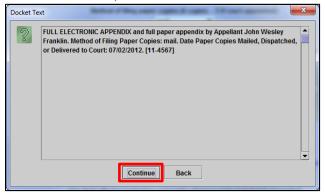
14. Use the drop down to indicate if the **Release of Transcript Restriction** date has expired for all transcripts included in the appendix.



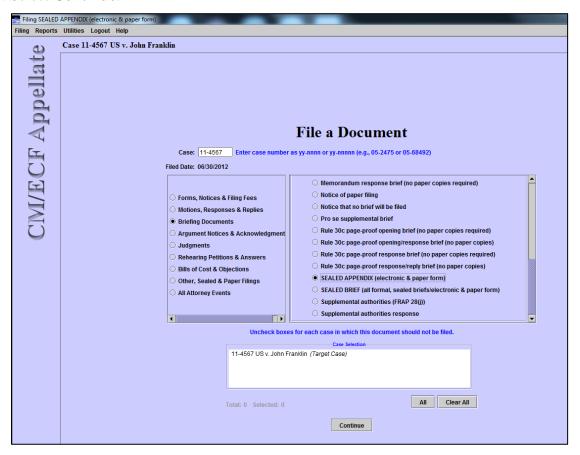
- 15. Select **Browse** to locate upload the electronic appendix file.
- 16. Each file may be up to 50MB. If the appendix is larger than 50MB, split the appenidx into multiple files. Select **Add Another** to upload additional files.
- 17. After all appendix files are uploaded, select **Continue**.



18. The *Docket Text* window will appear. If it is correct, select **Continue**. If you need to make corrections, select **Back**.



- 19. The *Event Review* window will appear, select **Submit** to file the electronic appendix.
- 20. If the appendix contains sealed material, use **SEALED APPENDIX** (electronic & paper form) to file the sealed volume(s).
- 21. Select **Briefing Documents** from the left column.
- 22. Select SEALED APPENDIX (electronic & paper form) from the right column.
- 23. Select Continue.



- 24. The event filing screen will open.
- 25. Answer all *Additional Information* prompts appropriately.
- 26. Select the filer(s).
- 27. Select **Browse** to upload the electronic appendix file.
- 28. Each file may be up to 50MB. If the sealed appendix is larger than 50MB, split the appendix into multiple files. Select **Add Another** to upload additional files.
- 29. After all sealed appendix files are uploaded, select **Continue**.

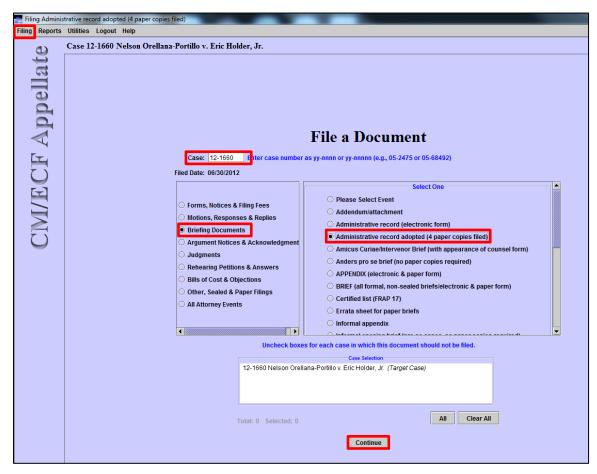


- 30. The *Docket Text* window will appear. If it is correct, select **Continue**. If you need to make corrections, select **Back**.
- 31. The *Event Review* window will appear, select **Submit** to file the sealed electronic appendix.

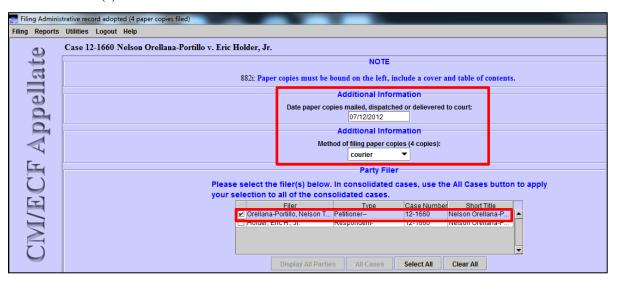
Adopting an administrative record as appendix in an agency case

<u>Local Rule 25(a)(1)(C)</u> addresses the adoption of administrative records in agency cases as the appendix:

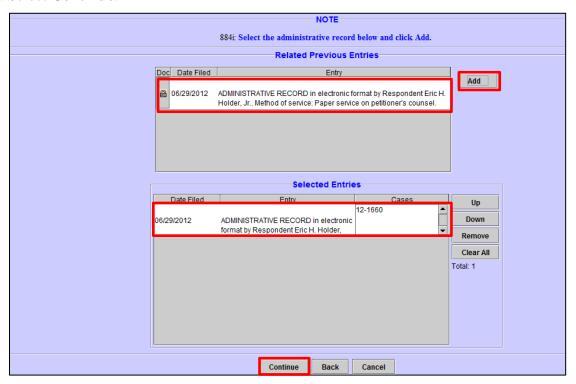
- If the agency files the administrative record in electronic form, counsel filing the opening brief may adopt the administrative record in lieu of filing an appendix under section Local Rule 25(a)(1)(D), file four additional paper copies of the administrative record, and cite to the AR rather than the JA. See below for instructions.
- In social security appeals, appellant's counsel must also file an appendix under <u>Local Rule 25(a)(1)(D)</u> that contains any district court documents necessary for appellate review. See Filing an electronic appendix in appellate CM/ECF for instructions.
- If the agency files the administrative record in paper form, counsel filing the opening brief must file an appendix in accordance with <u>Local Rule 25(a)(1)(D)</u>. See <u>Filing an</u> electronic appendix in appellate CM/ECF for instructions.
- 1. Login to Appellate CM/ECF.
- 2. Select Filing.
- 3. Select File a Document.
- 4. Enter the case number.
- 5. Select **Briefing Documents** from the left column.
- 6. Select Administrative Record Adopted (4 paper copies) from the right column.
- 7. Select Continue.



- 8. Enter the Date paper copies mailed, dispatched or delivered to court.
- 9. Select the **Method of filing paper copies** (6 copies 5 if court-appointed.
- 10. Select the filer(s).



- 11. Select the administrative record from the *Related Previous Entries* box.
- 12. Select Add.
- 13. The administrative record will appear in the Selected Entries box.
- 14. Select Continue.



- 32. The *Docket Text* window will appear. If it is correct, select **Continue**. If you need to make corrections, select **Back**.
- 33. The *Event Review* window will appear, select **Submit** to file the sealed electronic appendix.